



## Canberra Two Day Family Fun Itinerary

Canberra is full of fantastic experiences for visitors. Set within leafy surrounds, this modern city offers fun for the kids, a busy calendar of events and festivals, as well as stylish restaurants, bars and shops.

The majority of Canberra's national attractions offer free admission which makes this destination great value for money. Canberra also boasts easy accessibility from the city centre and attractions which are mainly within a 10km radius.

### DAY 1

#### **National Zoo & Aquarium**

Interact with monkeys, otters, giraffes, penguins, dingoes and more on the Junior ZooVenture Tour at Australia's only combined zoo and aquarium. Kids aged four to 10 years will love the thrill of being this close to the animals! They can walk alongside native wildlife, and can even pat kangaroos and emus. For adults and bigger kids, hand feed lions, tigers and bears on the ZooVenture Tour, ages 10 and over.

[www.zooquarium.com.au](http://www.zooquarium.com.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 2 hours*

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

*Open: 10am-5pm daily*

*Entry fee applies*

#### **National Museum of Australia**

Create a house or vehicle of the future in K-Space and watch your creation come to life in a 3D cinema. While you take in Aussie culture and history, watch the kids play in cubby houses from around Australia and let them run wild in the Garden of Australian Dreams.

Take a ride on the revolving theatre and settle in for some storytelling inside the Boab tree. [www.nma.gov.au](http://www.nma.gov.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 1.5 hours*

*Distance from city centre: 5km*

*Open: 9am-5pm daily*

*Free general admission*

#### **Lunch at Verve Café Bar**

Bright, casual and trendy, Verve is a modern café in a great spot to watch Manuka come alive. There's a seamless blend of indoor and outdoor areas in summer and there's a lovely cosy corner with

lounges and an open fireplace in winter. The locally roasted Cosmorex coffee is a treat, and you can choose from a great selection of cocktails and blended fruit shakes. [www.vervecafebar.com.au](http://www.vervecafebar.com.au)  
*Distance from city centre: 10km*

### **Canberra Glassworks**

Canberra Glassworks, Australia's only cultural institution devoted wholly to contemporary Australian studio glass.

Watch artists at work, take a tour, visit the exhibition, learn about the processes and techniques of working with glass and discover more about the heritage of Canberra's oldest public building The Kingston Powerhouse. Get up close and personal with glass! with 'Off the Street' program, try out a 15 -20 minute session and make your own piece of glass. [www.canberraglassworks.com](http://www.canberraglassworks.com)

*Minimum time recommended: 1 hour*

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

*Open: 10am-4pm, Wednesday - Sunday*

*Free general admission*

### **Australian War Memorial**

Crawl through a First World War trench, climb into a helicopter from the Vietnam War, explore the inside of a Cold War submarine and learn about peacekeeping at the memorial's interactive Discovery Zone, designed especially for children. You can also help the kids place a red poppy on the Roll of Honour wall and experience a sound and light show of a Lancaster Bomber night raid over Berlin.

[www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 2 hours*

*Distance from city centre: 5km*

*Open: 9am-5pm daily*

*Free general admission*

### **CSIRO Discovery**

Put on a lab coat to conduct real experiments, win a lolly by making enough energy to power a mechanical arm, make faces for the fun facial recognition software and feel the strange sensations of 3D cinema.

*Minimum time recommended: 1 hour*

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

*Open: 9am-5pm weekdays and 11am-3pm Sundays*

*Entry fee applies*

### **Dinner at Zeffirelli Pizza Restaurant**

Zeffirelli is a family friendly restaurant with a huge range of pasta dishes, delicious hand made pizzas, a vibrant atmosphere and swift, friendly service. Dine inside or out and watch the passing parade of Dickson's Chinatown. [www.zeffirelli.com.au](http://www.zeffirelli.com.au)

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

### **After Dark Suggestion:**

#### **Ice Skating**

Try ice-skating at the indoor rink in Phillip. The Olympic size skating centre caters for up to 250 skaters per session. The centre offers numerous public and private skating sessions every day of the week.

[www.swimskate.com.au](http://www.swimskate.com.au)

*Distance from city centre: 15km*

## **DAY 2**

### **Cockington Green Gardens**

Take a ride on the mini steam train around this delightful miniature village and tower over tiny versions of famous buildings from around the world. Watch the kids bring the exhibits to life with interactive mechanical animation and enjoy a barbecue, picnic lunch or meal at the Garden Cafe. [www.cockingtongreen.com.au](http://www.cockingtongreen.com.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 1 hour*

*Distance from city centre: 20km*

*Open: 9:30am-5pm daily*

*Entry fee applies*

### **Australian Institute of Sport**

Take a tour with an elite athlete as your guide and discover where Australia's sporting champions live and train. Then step into a world of fun and excitement at *Sportex*, the interactive sports experience. Kick some goals against a star goalkeeper, challenge someone to a simulated mountain bike race and try your hand at wheelchair basketball. [www.ausport.gov.au/ais/visit](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/visit)

*Minimum time recommended: 1 hour*

*Distance from city centre: 20km*

*Open: Ninety-minute public tours depart daily at 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm.*

*Entry fee applies*

### **Lunch at Hudsons Café**

In the lush surrounds of the Australian Botanic Gardens, it's hard to imagine you are only minutes from the city centre. Combine a visit to the Gardens with lunch or a light snack at this popular little café.

[www.hudsonscatering.com.au](http://www.hudsonscatering.com.au)

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

### **Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre**

Freefall six metres down a vertical slide and experience an earthquake at Questacon. See how high the kids can jump or how fast they can throw a ball in the interactive *Sports Quest* exhibit. They'll love the zany science theatre shows, and the real littlies will never want to leave Mini Q, where they can play hide and seek in the spaceship, and amuse themselves with water games.

[www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 1.5 hours*

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

*Open: 9:30am-5pm daily*

*Entry fee applies*

### **Lake Burley Griffin Boat Hire and Mr Spokes Bike Hire**

Hire a paddleboat or family bike to really enjoy Lake Burley Griffin. Hydro bikes, tandems, canoes, kayaks and surf skis are also available for hire. [www.mrspokes.com.au](http://www.mrspokes.com.au) or [www.actboathire.com](http://www.actboathire.com)

*Minimum time recommended: 2 hours for both attractions*

*Distance from city centre: 5km*

*Hire fee applies*

### **Dinner at Sammy's Kitchen**

Sammy's is a Canberra institution. It offers reasonably priced, authentic Malaysian and Chinese food, including wonderfully fragrant laksa, Nonya-style dry curry chicken, beef rendang, hawker-style noodle dishes, seafood and vegetarian dishes, and Chinese favourites. Tables spill out onto the footpath and the service is quick and efficient. [www.outincanberra.com.au/sammyskitchen](http://www.outincanberra.com.au/sammyskitchen)

*Distance from city centre: Located within the CBD district*

### **After Dark Suggestion:**

#### **Black Mountain Tower**

Rising 195 metres above the summit of Black Mountain, the Tower presents 360 degree views of Canberra and the surrounding rural area. The tower opens until 10pm 7 days a week which allows visitors to see the twinkling lights of the city.

[www.blackmountaintower.com.au](http://www.blackmountaintower.com.au)

*Minimum time recommended: 30 minutes*

*Distance from city centre: 10km*

*Open: 9am-10pm*

*Entry fee applies*

#### ***Did you know Canberra offers a 3 in Fun Pass?***

The most affordable way to see some of Canberra's best family attractions. Ticket includes entry to Questacon-The National Science and Technology Centre, Cockington Green Gardens and the Australian Institute of Sport. You receive a 10 per cent discount plus because once is never enough, you receive a free pass to return to your favourite 3 in Fun attraction!

For more information please visit [www.3infun.com.au](http://www.3infun.com.au)